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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Giuseppe COLOMBO et al.

Serial No.: 09/892,480

Filed: June 28, 2001

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
INTRODUCING IN CONTINUOUS  
A SUBSTANCE IN LIQUID PHASE  
INTO PLASTICS GRANULES

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) Group Art Unit: 1762

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) Examiner: Rebecca A. Blanton

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Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

In a restriction requirement dated January 29, 2002, the Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between Group I - claims 34-48 and Group II - claims 49-66. Applicants provisionally elect to prosecute Group I, claims 34-48 drawn to a method of coating particles.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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